

February 10, 2021

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Office of the Secretary  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Honorable Secretary McDonough:

The Veterans Rural Health Advisory Committee (VRHAC) respectfully submits for your consideration the following 3 recommendations resulting from our October 3, 2020, committee meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION 1: Rural Transportation.** Expand the VA's **highly rural transportation grant** program to include places designated as rural. This expansion should include an additional \$5M in funding for the program.

**RECOMMENDATION 2: Rural Women Veteran Peer Support.** Develop at least one peer or social support group in each VISN to engage and support rural women Veterans.

**RECOMMENDATION 3: Enrollment of Rural Women Veterans.** Establish a comprehensive program, in coordination with the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans and community partners, to enhance and support initiatives to increase enrollment of rural women Veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deanna Lamb". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deanna Lamb, Chair

cc: Dr. Thomas Klobucar,  
Designated Federal Officer